

REMARKS

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

I. Claims 1-9, 17-24 drawn to a power production system, classified in class 60, subclass 39.37.

II. Claims 10-16, drawn to a combustion system with a pilot port and ignition for the pilot, classified in class 431, subclass 1.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Applicant respectfully requests consideration and withdrawal or modification of the initial restriction requirement because the Applicant submits that the Examiner has not established a prima facie showing that the claimed inventions are independent and/or that there is a serious burden on the Examiner. The Examiner can only show the claimed inventions are independent by providing an appropriate explanation of separate classification, separate status in the art, or a different field of search as defined in MPEP § 808.02. Such a showing has not been made by simply indicating that various groups of claims can be found in different classifications.

ELECTION AND TRAVERSE

The Applicant elects, with traverse, to have the claims of Group I (Claims 1-9 and 17-24) to be initially examined.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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